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General

TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING AID TO GREAT BRITAIN

[Released to the press by the White House December 26]

The President has received the following telegram:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"A too prevalent indifference and apathy toward what is happening in the world and the threat to our own vital national interests prompts us to write you this letter.

"Many Americans understand the irreconcilable nature of the forces that are engaged on three continents and on many oceans. Many understand the dark consequences to us, to freedom and to democracy here, to the foundations of American Institutions, should the Axis Powers gain the supremacy of the seas. But many, far too many, do not understand, a few do not want to understand.

"If, before 1938, ignorance and lethargy and disbelief brought many European democracies to their grave and led the United Kingdom to the thin edge of disaster, so ignorance and lethargy and disbelief here are blinding us to our own peril. This ignorance, this lethargy and this disbelief must be swept away before it is too late. There may be only a little time left.

"You led us splendidly during the critical days of late spring and early fall. We ask you to give us the same splendid leadership now.

"We ask you to clarify once more, but perhaps in greater detail, the nature of the conflict which threatens to wipe out the sort of Christian civilization in which men may be free from the re-

straints of intolerance, from the fear of injustice and from the menace of arbitrary power.

"We ask you to inform us, clearly and boldly, of the possibilities of English failure and of the consequences to us and to our children's children should Britain fail.

"We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth, that the materials of war and the military and naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can now produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers, so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting, but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in the future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay.

"We ask you to make it the settled policy of this country to do everything that may be necessary to insure the defeat of the Axis Powers, and thus to encourage here and everywhere resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement.

"To this policy we pledge you our unqualified support, and express our complete approval of your recently announced plan for lending armaments to Britain.

"To your leadership the people responded before. To your leadership the people will, we believe, respond again. Your leadership is essential to the preparation of men's minds for what may be ahead of us."

[Here follow signatures of 170 prominent Americans.]

Europe

ERRONEOUS REPORTS CONCERNING LOAN TO SPAIN

[Released to the press December 28]

At the Department of State press conference this morning, a correspondent asked Under Secretary Welles the following question:

"Mr. Secretary, the Merry-Go-Round column this morning contains a repetition of part of a story concerning differences between yourself and Secretary Hull which you both have denied last week, and this story today states that it was Mr. Dunn who apparently persuaded Mr. Hull that General Franco should get a hundred-million-dollar credit from the United States and that you prevailed against it. In view of previous denials that such a matter had been discussed, have you any further comment?"

Under Secretary Welles replied as follows:

"I am very glad that question has been asked, because I want to reply to it this morning in some detail.

"I think you gentlemen recognize that during these past eight years I have never made any comment or reference to anything that has been published in the press that related to myself, but on this occasion I feel I have to do so, because it is not only my own personality itself that is involved, but because the Department of State itself is involved.

"All of you gentlemen are familiar with the very full statement which the Secretary of State made on this subject a few days ago, and I hope it has been widely published. Notwithstanding that complete, categorical denial, this story is published this morning which makes a good many further allegations—some of them new, some of them reaffirmations of matters already officially denied. I am not going to comment in full upon them all, but I do want to say most emphatically that whatever policy is pursued by

this Government in regard to Spain, such policy has nothing whatever to do with the internal situation in Spain. Our policy does not take into account the internal affairs of Spain. The other details given here I cannot deny too categorically. I have been present, I think, at practically every conversation that has taken place in the Department in regard to Spanish policy. None of these conversations reported in this article has ever taken place.

"On December 22 I wrote this letter to Mr. Pearson:

"On Friday, December 20, the Merry-Go-Round column carried a story alleging that there had existed among the higher officials of the Department of State serious divergencies of opinion with regard to a purported plan for the extension of a one hundred million dollar credit to the Spanish Government. The story further alleged that Secretary Hull, upon the urgent recommendation of certain of the officials of the Department, was favorably disposed to the extension of such credit and that I thereupon communicated with the President, then absent on his recent cruise in the Caribbean, and obtained from the President a direction that the project be radically modified.

"At no time has the Department of State or any high official of the Department approved or recommended any project for the extension of a hundred million dollar credit to the Spanish Government. No such project has been under consideration. At no time has there been the slightest divergency of opinion between the officials of the Department of State with regard to the policy to be pursued towards Spain. At no time has there been the slightest difference of opinion between the Secretary of State and myself with regard thereto. I never communicated with the President during his recent cruise in the Caribbean with regard to any

aspect or phase of the policy of this Government toward Spain.

"The story to which I have referred is consequently completely untrue.

"At a critical moment in the history of the United States like the present it is particularly regrettable that the people of this country should be led to believe that there exist between the higher officials of the Department of State disloyalties, controversies, and fundamental differences which do not in the remotest sense exist.

"I feel that I have, therefore, the right to request that the true facts, as I have set them forth above, be published in your column as soon as may be possible in order to correct the false impression created by the Merry-Go-Round of December 20."

"Notwithstanding that letter, this article has appeared this morning. I feel there is very little I can add to the text of that letter, which is as flat, as categorical, as I could possibly make it.

"I want also to say in justice to Mr. Dunn that at no time has Mr. Dunn ever varied from the opinion of Secretary Hull or myself on this question of policy nor, I repeat, has any other official of the Department.

"Since I am on this general subject I would like to add one or two words. Stories have appeared with increasing frequency in the past few weeks that there are fundamental differences between the Secretary of State and myself. I think it would have been humanly impossible for two people over a period of eight years to agree more consistently and thoroughly than Mr. Hull and I have done. There has never been the slightest important difference of opinion between us, and so far as I personally am concerned I think it would be impossible for any man in my position, who has been so closely associated with the Secretary—who has had the opportunity of being associated with a man with his extraordinary moral courage and consistency, and I think an almost

unique intellectual integrity—to have anything except very deep devotion for him.

"What the genesis or the origin of these stories may be I am not going to attempt to speculate on this morning, but I am making this statement in the hope that it will do something to put an end to them."

VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF H.R.H. PRINCESS JULIANA OF THE NETHERLANDS

[Released to the press December 24]

The Secretary of State has received the following telegram from Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana of the Netherlands:

"Before crossing the border, I wish to thank Your Excellency for the generous hospitality of the United States Government. I shall always look back with great pleasure on the days so happily spent in this country. I should appreciate it if Your Excellency would kindly convey my sincere appreciation to the Federal authorities for all they have done in my behalf.

JULIANA"

The Secretary has sent the following reply, through the American Legation in Ottawa:

"I sincerely appreciate Your Royal Highness' cordial telegram upon your departure from the United States and have been pleased to convey to the appropriate officials of this Government your kind message. I can assure you that your visit has afforded us all the greatest possible pleasure.

CORDELL HULL"

DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT KALLIO OF FINLAND

[Released to the press December 23]

The President has sent the following message to President Ryti of Finland, through the American Legation in Helsinki:

"I am deeply distressed to learn of the death of former President Kallio whose long and distinguished career was so well known and appreciated in the United States. We will always remember his steadfast and constructive leadership during the trying days which your country has undergone. Will you be good enough to convey to Madame Kallio and to the members of his family my most sincere sympathy.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT"

American Republics

LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE AMBASSADOR OF CUBA

[Released to the press December 27]

The Under Secretary of State, the Honorable Sumner Welles, has invited the following guests to a luncheon which he is giving December 27 in the Pan American Room of the Mayflower Hotel in honor of the retiring Ambassador of Cuba, Dr. Pedro Martínez Fraga:

The Ambassador of Argentina
The Ambassador of Mexico
The Ambassador of Ecuador
The Ambassador of Brazil
The Ambassador of Colombia
The Minister of Bolivia
Dr. José T. Barón, Minister Counselor of the Cuban Embassy
The Honorable L. S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan American Union
Mr. Warren Pierson, President, Export-Import Bank of Washington
Mr. Phillip W. Bonsal, Acting Chief, Division of the American Republics, Department of State

Legislation

Joint Resolution Authorizing the President to invite foreign countries to participate in the Pan American Cotton Congress. Approved December 17, 1940. (Public Res. 110, 76th Cong., 3d sess.) 1 p. 5¢.

Commercial Policy

SUSPENDING QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN COTTON

On December 19, 1940 the President issued Proclamation 2450 proclaiming that those provisions of the proclamation of September 5, 1939 (no. 2351), which limited the quantities of imported cotton having a staple of one and eleven-sixteenths inches or more in length which might be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, are now suspended. The text of Proclamation 2450 appears in the *Federal Register* for December 24, 1940, vol. 5, no. 249, p. 5229 (The National Archives of the United States).

The Department

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

[Released to the press December 26]

The following recent appointments to offices in the Department have been made by the Secretary of State:

Mr. John K. Davis, a Foreign Service officer of class I, has been designated Chief of the Office of Philippine Affairs, effective December 1.

Mr. Howard Bucknell, Jr., a Foreign Service officer of class II, was designated on December 23 to serve as Assistant Chief of the Division of Current Information, effective as of December 2.

Mr. Richard Pattee has been designated to serve as Acting Assistant Chief of the Division of Cultural Relations in the absence of the Chief or Assistant Chief of that Division.

Mr. Maynard B. Lundgren was appointed on December 16 an Assistant Chief of the Division of Foreign Service Administration, effective as of November 16.

The Foreign Service

MESSAGE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY LONG¹

[Released to the press December 23]

The Assistant Secretary of State, the Honorable Breckinridge Long, delivered the following message to the American Foreign Service on behalf of the Secretary of State and members of the Foreign Service Personnel Board:

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to address a personal and individual message from the Secretary of State and from the Foreign Service Personnel Board here in the Department of State in Washington to the members of the American Foreign Service wherever they may be. I say an individual and personal message because it is directed to each member of the Service of whatever rank, be he or she a chief of mission or the most junior member of the clerical staff on foreign service.

"Many of you have been contending with difficulties, dangers, and an increasing flow of official and extra-official duties which would have dismayed and disrupted any organization less determined to do the job with increased efficiency regardless of mounting difficulties and often chaotic conditions. Believe me, we understand what these difficulties mean to each individual and appreciate the splendid spirit with which you are meeting them. In many posts, officers and employees are in daily and nightly danger to life and limb, many are daily attempting to solve food difficulties, which at times seem almost insuperable, families have been separated, personal financial problems are increasing, and all are working long hours of overtime in a period of anxiety and uncertainty during which the burden of personal responsibility is bearing increasingly upon every one of you.

¹ Delivered December 22, 1940 to the members of the American Foreign Service over the facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

"We do not know of the future—when a normal mode of life will soon return to this extremely troubled world. What I can say, however, is this: Times of crisis make for great opportunities. Difficult times prove the man or the woman as no amount of easy living can possibly do, and, consequently, the times through which you are now living and doing your part prove the value to these United States of the Service of which you have so ably, so efficiently, and so unselfishly formed a part. We in the Department are proud of every one of you—we have no doubts but that you will completely measure up in the future as you have done in the past to whatever demands may be made upon you and we send you our heartfelt congratulations upon a spirit which refuses to complain or quit when the going gets tough and which surmounts physical discomfort and dangers, separation from loved ones, or whatever else may confront them for the glory of the Service and the welfare of the United States.

"Merry Christmas to all of you and our best wishes for the coming year."

Mr. Herschel V. Johnson, American Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim* in London, made the following response:

"Mr. Secretary, we of the Foreign Service have listened with a feeling of appreciation and encouragement to the message which you have delivered to us from the Secretary and from the Foreign Service Personnel Board.

"It is a source of satisfaction and pride to each of us to know that the Department understands that in spite of existing difficult circumstances we are, to the best of our individual abilities, carrying on, and are determined to carry on, whatever may be before us, as you have put it, to the glory of the Service and the welfare of the United States. We

feel with you that times like these present an opportunity to the Foreign Service to show the stuff of which it is made and are determined to prove that our Government's confidence in us is not misplaced.

"We send the season's greetings to all our friends and colleagues at home."

PERSONNEL CHANGES

[Released to the press December 23]

On December 17 the German Embassy notified the Department of State that Mr. Cecil M. P. Cross, First Secretary and Consul at the American Embassy in Paris, Mr. Leigh W. Hunt, Second Secretary and Consul at the American Embassy in Paris, and Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, employee at the American Embassy in Paris, had become *personae non gratae* to the German Government. It was alleged by the German Government that improper assistance to certain British nationals in the occupied territory of France had been rendered by these members of the staff of the Embassy in Paris.

The German Embassy was informed on December 18 that without passing upon the merits of the allegations, the Department had ordered the transfer of Mr. Cross and Mr. Hunt. The

German Embassy at the same time was informed that Mrs. Deegan had already been transferred and that orders for her to proceed immediately to a new post had been issued.

The Department has instituted an inquiry regarding the allegations made by the German Government and will in due course present to the German Government the facts as ascertained by this Government with respect to the actions of the members of the staff concerned.

[Released to the press December 28]

The following changes have occurred in the American Foreign Service since December 21, 1940:

Charles Bridgham Hosmer, of Lewiston, Maine, now serving in the Department of State, has been nominated and confirmed as Consul General and has now been assigned as Foreign Service Inspector.

James T. Scott, of Georgia, Commercial Attaché at Cairo, Egypt, has been designated Commercial Attaché at Athens, Greece.

Clark E. Husted, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio, Vice Consul at Naples, Italy, has been assigned as Vice Consul at Lyon, France.

Publications

PUBLICATION OF "FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1925"

[Released to the press December 27]

The Department is releasing today the record of American foreign policy for the year 1925 in two volumes of the series entitled *Foreign Relations of the United States*.

The present volumes are the latest in a series which was inaugurated under Secretary of State William E. Seward during the Lincoln administration in 1861. These publications are now compiled pursuant to the Department's order of March 26, 1925, providing for a sub-

stantially complete publication, aside from the omission of trivial and inconsequential details, of "the correspondence relating to all major policies and decisions of the Department in the matter of foreign relations, together with the events which contributed to the formulation of each decision or policy, and the facts incident to the application of it". The order calls for special attention to matters relating to international law and provides that a record of treaty negotiations shall be included.

The great majority of the documents contained in these volumes have not been previously published. They include telegrams, despatches, and instructions passing between the Department and its representatives abroad, memoranda of conversations between American and foreign officials, notes exchanged with foreign governments, texts of treaties and agreements, and other papers contributing to an understanding of American foreign relations.

Volume I of the present set has a section under the heading "General", amounting to somewhat more than half of the volume, dealing with subjects of a multilateral nature. This section begins with the record of the completion of the scrapping of warships under the Washington Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament, followed by proposals for another disarmament conference. Other subjects treated relating to peace and war are the disinclination of the United States to be associated in European security pacts, the Geneva Conference for the Supervision of the International Traffic in Arms, and the failure of the United States to secure the adoption of revised rules regarding aerial warfare and the use of radio in time of war. Another subject noted is that of negotiations for the settlement of debts owing the United States by foreign governments. The opposition of the Department to participation by the League of Nations in international conferences of American states is recorded and considerable space is devoted to the Tacna-Arica question and to the good offices of the United States in other boundary disputes.

The remainder of Volume I contains sections relating to Albania, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, and China. Of considerable interest are the documents concerning the recognition by the United States of the Government of Ahmed Zogu in Albania and the efforts of the Department to secure equitable treatment for American oil interests in that country in view of concessions granted to other foreign interests. Canadian questions treated concern chiefly boundary matters such as the maintenance of water levels and the suppression of smuggling.

The China section is the most voluminous of those dealing with individual countries, filling more than a third of the first volume. The record reveals how in the face of renewed civil war the United States refused to lend itself to a policy of intervention, although participating in efforts to solve problems arising from the disturbances of May 30, 1925 at Shanghai. The year was marked by the development of radical agitation in China and the spread of anti-foreign sentiment. On the diplomatic side, major questions treated include the request of the Chinese Government for the readjustment of treaty relations, the earlier sessions of the Conference on the Chinese Customs Tariff, which was continued into 1926, and the convening of the Commission on Extraterritoriality in China.

Volume II is composed of sections concerning Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Persia, Poland, Rumania, Russia, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

Economic problems called for most attention in the correspondence published in the second volume. Agreement was reached regarding the distribution of German reparation annuities. Ambassador Schurman reported from Germany that American financiers making large loans to German municipalities were running risks that did not seem justified, and the Department called attention to these risks in letters to investment bankers. Efforts were made to obtain for American rubber manufacturers relief from British restrictions on the export of raw rubber, while in Liberia the Firestone interests were seeking a concession to enable them to produce their own rubber supply. Representations were made to Great Britain for an open door for American oil interests in Iraq and to Mexico respecting petroleum legislation, but the Department refused to intervene against the cancellation of the Sinclair concession in Sakhalin Island by the Soviet Government. Objections

were offered to loans by American bankers to countries which had not yet entered into debt settlements with the United States. Commercial treaties or agreements providing for most-favored-nation treatment were made with Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, and Spain.

Among other subjects treated in the second volume are the ratification of the treaty recognizing Cuban sovereignty over the Isle of Pines, protection of Americans during insurrection in the French Syrian mandate, visit of an American fleet to Australia and New Zealand, and reservation of American rights with respect to Morocco.

Foreign Relations of the United States, 1925 was compiled under the direction of Dr. E. Wilder Spaulding, Chief of the Division of Research and Publication, and Dr. Ernest R. Perkins, Chief of the Research Section of that Division.

Copies of these volumes will be available shortly and may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. The price of Volume I (cxxi, 937 pages) is \$2.00 and of Volume II (lxxviii, 746 pages) is \$1.50.

During the quarter beginning October 1, 1940, the following publications have been released by the Department:²

1502. Commercial Relations: Agreement Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Continuing in Force Until August 6, 1941 the Agreement of August 4, 1937 (Executive Agreement Series No. 105) and Related Notes—Agreement effected by exchange of notes signed August 6, 1940; effective August 6, 1940. Executive Agreement Series No. 179. 10 pp. 5¢.
1504. Naval Mission: Agreement Between the United States of America and Peru—Signed July 31, 1940; effective July 31, 1940. Executive Agreement Series No. 177. 12 pp. 5¢.
1505. Naval Aviation Mission: Agreement Between the United States of America and Peru—Signed

² Serial numbers which do not appear in this list have appeared previously or will appear in subsequent lists.

- July 31, 1940; effective July 31, 1940. Executive Agreement Series No. 178. 12 pp. 5¢.
1508. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 66, September 28, 1940. 35 pp. 10¢.^a
1509. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 67, October 5, 1940. 12 pp. 10¢.
1510. Diplomatic List, October 1940. ii, 94 pp. Subscription, \$1 a year; single copy, 10¢.
1511. Our Foreign Policy and National Defense: Address by Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Before the Foreign Affairs Council, Cleveland, September 28, 1940. 17 pp. 5¢.
1512. Publications of the Department of State: A List Cumulative From October 1, 1929. October 1, 1940. 24 pp. Free.
1513. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 68, October 12, 1940. 22 pp. 10¢.
1514. Establishment of Board of Inquiry for the Great Lakes Fisheries: Agreement Between the United States of America and Canada—Effected by exchange of notes signed February 29, 1940; effective February 29, 1940. Executive Agreement Series No. 182. 2 pp. 5¢.
1515. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 69, October 19, 1940. 18 pp. 10¢.
1516. Treaties Submitted to the Senate 1935-1939: Procedure during 1935-1939 on certain treaties submitted to the Senate 1923-1939 and status thereof on December 31, 1939. iv, 22 pp. 10¢.
1517. Naval and Air Bases: Arrangement Between the United States of America and Great Britain—Effected by exchange of notes signed September 2, 1940. Executive Agreement Series No. 181. 4 pp. 5¢.
1518. Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States 1925 (In two volumes). Volume I. cxxii, 957 pp. \$2 (buckram).
1519. Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States 1925 (In two volumes). Volume II. lxxviii, 760 pp. \$1.50 (buckram).
1520. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 70, October 26, 1940. 58 pp. 10¢.
1522. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 71, November 2, 1940. 38 pp. 10¢.
1523. Diplomatic List, November 1940. ii, 94 pp. Subscription, \$1 a year; single copy, 10¢.
1524. Foreign Service List, October 1, 1940. iv, 107 pp. Subscription, 50¢ a year; single copy, 15¢.
1525. Index to the Department of State Bulletin, vol. II: Numbers 28-53, January 6-June 29, 1940. 23 pp.

^a Subscription, \$2.75 a year.

1526. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 72, November 9, 1940. 10 pp. 10¢.
1528. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 73, November 16, 1940. 24 pp. 10¢.
1530. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 74, November 23, 1940. 20 pp. 10¢.
1531. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 75, November 30, 1940. 30 pp. 10¢.
1532. Diplomatic List, December 1940. II, 96 pp. Subscription, \$1 a year; single copy, 10¢.
1533. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 76, December 7, 1940. 38 pp. 10¢.
1535. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 77, December 14, 1940. 30 pp. 10¢.
1536. The Department of State Bulletin, vol. III, no. 78, December 21, 1940. 22 pp. 10¢.

TREATY SERIES:

948. Telecommunication: General Radio Regulations (Cairo Revision, 1938) and Final Radio Protocol (Cairo Revision, 1938) Annexed to the Telecommunication Convention (Madrid, 1932) Between the United States of America and Other Powers—Signed April 8, 1938; proclaimed by the President September 18, 1939. iv, 335 pp. 30¢.

The Department of State also publishes the slip laws and Statutes at Large. Laws are issued in separate series and are numbered in the order in which they are signed. Treaties are also issued in a separate series and are numbered in the order in which they are pro-

claimed. All other publications of the Department since October 1, 1929, are numbered consecutively in the order in which they are sent to press, and, in addition, are subdivided into series according to general subject.

To avoid delay, requests for publications of the Department of State should be addressed directly to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., except in the case of free publications, which may be obtained from the Department. The Superintendent of Documents will accept deposits against which the cost of publications ordered may be charged and will notify the depositor when the deposit is exhausted. The cost to depositors of a complete set of the publications of the Department for a year will probably be somewhat in excess of \$15. Orders may be placed, however, with the Superintendent of Documents for single publications or for one or more series.

The Superintendent of Documents also has, for free distribution, the following price lists which may be of interest: Foreign Relations of the United States; American History and Biography; Tariff; Immigration; Alaska and Hawaii; Insular Possessions; Laws; Commerce and Manufactures; Political Science; and Maps. A list of publications of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce may be obtained from the Department of Commerce.

Treaty Information

Compiled in the Treaty Division

ARBITRATION

Permanent Court of Arbitration

Dominican Republic

The Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration informed the Secretary of

State by a letter dated October 10, 1940 that the Government of the Dominican Republic has appointed Mr. Arturo Despradel, *Licencié en droit*, as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration to replace Dr. Jacinto B. Peynado, deceased.

FINANCE

Stabilization Arrangement With Argentina

There is printed below a joint statement issued on December 27, 1940, by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Argentine Ambassador in Washington, and the General Manager of the Central Bank of Argentina regarding the Stabilization Arrangement between the United States and Argentina signed on that day:

"As another practical proof that the good-neighbor policy is a living force among American republics, the United States and Argentina have completed a stabilization arrangement by which \$50,000,000 of the United States Stabilization Fund is set aside to promote stability between the United States dollar and the Argentine peso.

"The agreement provides, under conditions acceptable to both parties, for the purchase of Argentine pesos with dollars, and for the exchange of information and of views bearing on the proper functioning of such a program.

"This is a cooperative arrangement between old and good friends. It has been discussed and formulated in this spirit by representatives of the Argentine Government and the Central Bank of Argentina, and by the officials of the United States Treasury. The monetary authorities of the two countries expect to hold further discussions in the same friendly spirit during the coming year; and it is hoped that these conversations will enable both countries to reap the greatest possible benefit from the workings of the present agreement."

SOVEREIGNTY

Convention on the Provisional Administration of European Colonies and Possessions in the Americas*Dominican Republic*

The Director General of the Pan American Union informed the Secretary of State by a letter dated December 3, 1940 that the instrument of ratification by the Dominican Republic of the Convention on the Provisional Adminis-

tration of European Colonies and Possessions in the Americas, signed at Habana on July 30, 1940, was deposited with the Union on November 28, 1940.

The letter states also that the instruments of ratification of the final acts of the First and Second Meetings of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics, held respectively at Panamá and Habana in 1939 and 1940, were deposited at the same time.

The instruments of ratification are dated November 7, 1940.

PROMOTION OF PEACE

Treaties With Australia, Canada, and New Zealand Amending the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace With Great Britain, Signed September 15, 1914

On December 20, 1940 the President ratified the three treaties between the United States and Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, respectively, signed on September 6, 1940, amending in their application to each of those dominions the provisions which concern the organization of commissions for the settlement of disputes contained in the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace between the United States and Great Britain, signed at Washington on September 15, 1914.

Treaty With the Union of South Africa Amending the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace With Great Britain, Signed September 15, 1914

On December 20, 1940 the President ratified the treaty between the United States and the Union of South Africa, signed on April 2, 1940, amending in their application to the Union of South Africa the provisions which concern the organization of commissions for the settlement of disputes contained in the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace between the United States and Great Britain, signed September 15, 1914.

CONCILIATION

Conciliation Treaty With Liberia

On December 20, 1940 the President ratified the Conciliation Treaty between the United States and Liberia, signed on August 21, 1939.

EXTRADITION

Supplementary Extradition Treaties With Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Switzerland

On December 20, 1940 the President ratified the supplementary extradition treaties between the United States and Colombia, signed on September 9, 1940; Ecuador, signed on September 22, 1939; Guatemala, signed on February 20, 1940; Mexico, signed on August 16, 1939; and Switzerland, signed on January 31, 1940.

COMMERCE

Supplementary Trade Agreement With Canada

There is printed below a public notice issued by the Treasury Department dated December 20, 1940, as published in the *Federal Register* for December 24, 1940 (vol. 5, no. 249), page 5241, in regard to the Supplementary Trade Agreement with Canada signed December 13, 1940:

SILVER OR BLACK FOXES, FURS THEREOF, ETC.

DETERMINATION AND DECLARATION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY PURSUANT TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION ON DECEMBER 18, 1940, OF SUPPLEMENTARY TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CANADA

Public Notice

DECEMBER 20, 1940.

Acting pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 4 of article II of the supplementary trade agreement concluded between the United States and Canada, signed December 13, 1940, and proclaimed by the President to become effective provisionally on December 20, 1940, I hereby declare and make public that the number of silver or black

foxes valued at less than \$250 each and whole silver or black fox furs and skins (with or without paws, tails, or heads) which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period from December 1 to December 19, 1940, were as follows:

14,563 from Canada

10,061 from all other foreign countries.

Pursuant to the provisions of article III of the same agreement as proclaimed by the President, I hereby declare and make public that the total quantities of silver or black fox tails, paws, heads, and other separated parts of such fox furs and skins and articles made therefrom, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period from December 1 to December 19, 1940, inclusive, were as follows:

| | Canada | All other foreign countries |
|--|--------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Tails of silver or black foxes (pieces)..... | 0 | 8 |
| (b) Paws, heads, or other separated parts of silver or black fox furs and skins (other than tails) (pounds)..... | 0 | 5 |
| (c) Piece plates made of pieces of silver or black fox furs and skins..... | 0 | 0 |
| (d) Articles, other than piece plates, made wholly or in chief value of one or more silver or black fox furs or skins or parts of such furs or skins (units *) | 0 | 6 |

*A unit consists of any whole silver or black fox fur or skin or any part of such a fur or skin contained in such articles.

Article IV of the agreement as proclaimed by the President provides that live silver or black foxes valued at \$150 or more each and shipped to the United States prior to December 20, 1940, shall not be subject to or affect the quota limitations of the agreement. Sixty-nine such foxes imported from Canada were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in the United States between December 1 and December 20, 1940.

Accordingly, during the quota period from December 20, 1940, to November 30, 1941, inclusive, the following quantities of merchandise of the kind above described may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption:

- (1) Silver or black foxes valued at \$250 or more each and silver or black foxes valued at \$150 or more each and shipped to the United States prior to December 20, 1940, may be so entered or withdrawn without limitation and without regard to the country of exportation.
- (2) Silver or black foxes valued at less than \$250 each and whole silver or black fox furs and skins (with or without paws, tails or heads)—
 - (a) Imported from Canada..... 55,506
 - (b) Imported from all other countries..... 19,939
- (3) The following without regard to country of exportation:
 - (a) Tails of silver or black foxes.....pieces... 4,992
 - (b) Paws, heads, or other separated parts of silver or black fox furs and skins (other than tails).....pounds... 495
 - (c) Piece plates made of pieces of silver or black fox furs and skins.....pounds... 550
 - (d) Articles, other than piece plates, made wholly or in chief value of one or more silver or black fox furs or skins or parts of such furs or skins.....units... 494

Of the total number of silver or black foxes valued at less than \$250 each and whole silver or black fox furs and skins (with or without paws, tails, or heads) which may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the quota period from December 20, 1940, to No-

vember 30, 1941, not more than 3,006 of such articles imported from Canada shall be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period from December 20, 1940, to December 31, 1940, inclusive. No such articles imported from countries other than Canada may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the interval from December 20, 1940, to December 31, 1940, inclusive.

[SEAL]

HERBERT E. GASTON,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Convention Providing for the Creation of an Inter-American Indian Institute

The American Ambassador in Mexico transmitted to the Secretary of State with a despatch dated December 12, 1940 a translation of a communication dated December 2, 1940 from the Inter-American Indian Institute stating that on November 29, 1940 the Convention Providing for the Creation of an Inter-American Indian Institute was signed by the following countries: United States of America, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras, and Mexico.

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